

## ADDITIONAL FILE 1

### Survey of Medical Student Attitudes Toward Physician-Assisted Death

In February 2015, the Supreme Court of Canada unanimously struck down the ban on physician-assisted death. Within the next year, assisted dying in some form will become an option for competent, consenting adults who suffer from “a grievous and irremediable medical condition.” The goal of this survey is to assess the attitudes of medical students toward physician-assisted death and the factors which influence their decision making. Your input is very much appreciated!

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<b>PLEASE CIRCLE GRADUATING YEAR:</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
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1. Do you support the Supreme Court of Canada decision to allow physician-assisted death?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Undecided

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If you were a practicing physician, and if a patient met the legal criteria for physician assisted death after other palliative treatment options had been considered...

2. Would you provide the means for a patient to end their own life if they requested it (e.g., a prescription for a lethal medication)?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Undecided

3. Would you personally administer a lethal dose of medication to assist a patient in ending their life if they requested it?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Undecided

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4. Do you support the provision of assisted death to someone suffering from a terminal illness who also has mental health illness (e.g. depression)?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Undecided

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5. Do you support the provision of assisted death to someone suffering from an illness that is not terminal but has a severe negative impact on the person's quality of life?

- a) Yes
  - b) No
  - c) Undecided
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6. Should physician-assisted death be included in advance care directives (living wills) to guide treatment if the patient becomes unable to give consent?

- a) Yes
  - b) No
  - c) Undecided
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7. What medical specialty(ies) do you feel should be responsible for providing physician-assisted death?

Please list: \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. How important are the following factors to **your** stance on physician-assisted death as an option for patients who request it?

	Not Important	Slightly Important	Fairly Important	Important	Very Important
a) Legality of physician-assisted death	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Opinion of medical community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Personal perception of physician's role	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Patient diagnosis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Patient autonomy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Patient age (child, middle-age, elderly)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Personal morals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Religious or spiritual beliefs/teachings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Experience with death of family/friend	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) Medical education/clinical experience	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k) Knowledge about palliative care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l) Potential for negative consequences (e.g., abuse, slippery slope argument)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Are there any other factors that influence your stance on physician-assisted death?

Please list: \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Do you believe that current access to palliative care in Ontario is adequate?

- a) Yes
  - b) No
  - c) Undecided
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11. Has your stance on the principle of physician-assisted death changed as a result of your medical school education and clinical experience?

	Strongly Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neutral	Somewhat Support	Strongly Support
a) Before medical education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) At current level of training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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12. Has your comfort level in considering the issues around physician-assisted death changed as a result of your medical school education and clinical experience?

	Very Uncomfortable	Somewhat Uncomfortable	Neutral	Somewhat Comfortable	Very Comfortable
a) Before medical education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) At current level of training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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13. What content would you find helpful in your formal medical education to prepare you for end-of-life and assisted death decisions? Select all that apply.

- a) Technical training
  - b) Education about the doctrines of different religions
  - c) Communication skills training
  - d) Medical-legal information
  - e) Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
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14. How do you identify? You may select multiple options.

- a) Woman/female
  - b) Man/male
  - c) Neither male/female
  - d) Intersex
  - e) Transgender
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15. What would best describe your beliefs system? You may select multiple options.

- a) Religious and practicing
  - b) Religious and non-practicing
  - c) Spiritual but not religious
  - d) Agnostic
  - e) Atheist
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Is there any specific medical education/exposure you would like?

What would help you to change/clarify your stance of physician-assisted death?

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